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SUBJECT: US/MEXICAN AGREEMENT SIGNING: GENEVA HANDLING

REF: (A) STATE 258620, (B) MEXICO CITY 18218

1. WE RECOMMEND FOLLOWING ACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO GENEVA
HANDLING OF PROSPECTIVE SIGNING OF US-MEXICAN AGREEMENT:

(A) SEEK GARRIDO (OR, IF NECESSARY, MEXICAN MINISTER
OF COMMERCE) APPROVAL AND TRANSMISSION OF NECESSARY
INSTRUCTION TO MEXICAN DEL IN GENEVA TO JOIN US IN A
JOINT REQUEST TO GATT DG TO CIRCULATE TEXT OF THE JOINT
STATEMENT AS ISSUED IN WASHINGTON AS WELL AS THE TEXT OF
THE AGREEMENT ITSELF.

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(B) IF MEXICANS ARE RELUCTANT TO AGREE TO THIS COURSE
OF ACTION (SEE BELOW FOR EVIDENCE OF GARRIDO'S HESITATION),
RECOMMEND WE BE AUTHORIZED TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

(1) CONFIRM PROMPTLY AFTER SIGNATURE IN
WASHINGTON, IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES FROM DELEGATIONS AND/OR
PRESS, THAT THE AGREEMENT WAS IN FACT SIGNED, AND RELEASE

JOINT STATEMENT.

(2) NOTIFY GATT SECRETARIAT (AS REQUIRED BY MTN/TP/7 PARA 7) THE CONTENTS OF SCHEDULE I OF AGREEMENT, NOTING THAT US IMPLEMENTATION IS BASED ON A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION AND IS PART OF A LARGER BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT.

(3) CARRY TEXT OF STR PRESS RELEASE AND JOINT STATEMENT IN MISSION DAILY BULLETIN DAY FOLLOWING WASHINGTON SIGNATURE, AND

(4) AUTHORIZE USEC BRUSSELS TO BRING TEXT OF STR PRESS RELEASE AND JOINT STATEMENT TO ATTENTION OF "EUROPEAN REPORT" AND "AGENCE EUROPE".

2. PROSPECTIVE SIGNATURE OF US-MEXICAN AGREEMENT IS NOT ONLY WELCOME IN ITSELF AS MARKING SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A DIFFICULT BILATERAL NEGOTIATION, BUT OFFERS POSSIBLE VEHICLE TO MOVE AHEAD THE TROPICAL PRODUCTS NEGOTIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES THAT HAVE BEEN STALLED FOR MANY MONTHS OVER THE ISSUE "CONTRIBUTIONS" FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. DISCUSSION WITH GARRIDO HERE LAST WEEK, HOWEVER, REVEALED HESITATION ON HIS PART IN DRAMATIZING IN GENEVA THE WASHINGTON SIGNING CEREMONY. GARRIDO HAS INFORMED A NUMBER OF LDC DELEGATIONS (AND SECRETARIAT) OF MEXICAN INTENTION TO SIGN WITH US. HE TOLD US ARGENTINA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND INDIA REACTED NEGATIVELY, INDIAN REP GOING SO FAR AS TO REQUEST DELAY OF SIGNATURE UNTIL AFTER JANUARY 15 WHEN ALL DC OFFERS FOR THE MTN ARE DUE TO BE ON THE TABLE. GARRIDO SAYS HE TOLD INDIANS MEXICO UNWILLING TO DELAY SIGNATURE OF FIRST TRADE AGREEMENT MEXICO HAS BEEN ABLE TO NEGOTIATE WITH US FOR 30 YEARS AND, MOREOVER, POINTED OUT ITS COVERAGE GOES BEYOND TROPICAL PRODUCTS. IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH GARRIDO, WE FOUND HIM VERY HESITANT TO AGREE THAT THERE SHOULD BE A JOINT US-MEXICAN ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE GATT OR TO GROUP TROPICAL PRODUCTS. HE RECOGNIZES US HAS AN OBLIGATION PER PARA 7 OF MTN/TP/7 TO NOTIFY DG CONCERNING DETAILS OF CONCESSIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS US INTENDS TO IMPLEMENT AND PROPOSED DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION, BUT HE NOTED THAT SUCH NOTIFICATION WAS NOT REQUIRED UNTIL DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION WHICH COULD BE SUBSEQUENT TO JANUARY 15. WE RESPONDED WITH THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED PARA 1.(B)(1)(2) ABOVE.

3. MINIMUM STEP MTN DEL MUST IN ANY EVENT TAKE IS TO CONFIRM AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED AND TO CIRCULATE ESSENTIAL DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT AS THEY PERTAIN TO TROPICAL PRODUCTS AND ASSURANCES THAT ACTION BY BOTH

PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT TAKEN IN MFN BASIS. IN OUR
OPINION, ONLY SATISFACTORY WAY TO DO THIS IS TO DETAIL
MEXICAN COMMERCIAL POLICY UNDERTAKINGS ON PARTICULAR
PRODUCTS, BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE WE CAN DO THIS
UNILATERALLY. WE SHOULD OF COURSE ALSO CARRY THE STR
PRESS RELEASE IN MISSION DAILY BULLETIN. IN ADDITION,
SINCE LOCAL GENEVA AND PERHAPS EUROPEAN PRESS AS WELL MAY
NOT COVER STORY AS SPOT NEWS, WE SUGGEST "EUROPEAN REPORT"
AND "AGENCE EUROPE" IN BRUSSELS BE SUPPLIED BY USEC WITH
STR PRESS RELEASE AS WELL AS THE ESSENTIAL PRODUCT AND
COMMERCIAL POLICY ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT.

4. A MORE DESIRABLE COURSE OF ACTION WOULD BE TO TRY TO

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PERSUADE MEXICO TO JOIN WITH MTN DEL IN A JOINT REQUEST
TO THE DG TO CIRCULATE THE TEXT OF THE JOINT STATEMENT
AS WELL AS THE FULL TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT ITSELF FOR THE
INFORMATION OF MTN PARTICIPANTS. THIS WOULD MAXIMIZE
AWARENESS ON PART OF LDC DELEGATIONS IN GENEVA AND IN
CAPITALS ABOUT THE AGREEMENT AND THE FACT THAT THE LOG-JAM
ON THE ISSUE OF "CONTRIBUTIONS" HAS BEEN BROKEN. BUT
THIS LATTER ELEMENT IS PRECISELY WHY GARRIDO IS HESITANT
TO JOIN US IN PUBLICIZING THE EVENT. ACCORDINGLY, WE

RECOMMEND STR TRY AGAIN WITH GARRIDO TO GET HIS AGREEMENT
TO THE PREFERRED COURSE OF ACTION. NEEDLESS TO SAY, ORAL
AGREEMENT BY GARRIDO WILL NOT BE ENOUGH AND HE WILL HAVE
TO INSTRUCT MEXICAN DEL APPROPRIATELY.

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